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SUBJECT: BRAZINSKAS CASE

REF: (A) ISTANBUL 2574, (B) ISTANBUL 2576

1. TO COMPLETE EMBASSY ANKARA PORTION OF BRAZINSKAS CASE RECORD, THE FOLLOWING MAY BE OF INTEREST TO DEPARTMENT AND OTHER ADDRESSEES. JULY 10 AMBASSADOR TELEPHONED MRS. RUDIS IN ISTANBUL. SHE SAID THAT OWING TO LAST MINUTE CHANGE IN HER FLIGHT FROM ROME, GOT SECURITY OFFICIALS WHO HAD PLANNED TO MEET HER AT ISTANBUL AIRPORT MISSED HER THERE. GOT OFFICIAL HAD SUBSEQUENTLY TELEPHONED HER AT HER ISTANBUL HOTEL TO SAY HE HAD PLANNED TO TAKE HER DIRECTLY TO ISTANBUL HOSPITAL TO MEET WITH BRAZINSKAS AGAIN. HE SAID HE WOULD COME BY HER HOTEL AT 9:30 MONDAY MORNING, JULY 12, TO TAKE HER TO MEET BRAZINSKAS. MRS. RUDIS ALSO ADVISED THE AMBASSADOR THAT SHE AD
RE-OBTAINED VENEZUELAN VISAS FOR BOTH BRAZINSKAS.

2. DCM THEN TELEPHONED MFA DIRECTOR FOR EASTERN AFFAIRS ASENSA TO STATE THAT GOT SECURITY OFFICIALS IN ISTANBUL HAD APPARENTLY CONFIDENTIAL

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NOT RECEIVED WORD OF OUR MUTUAL HOPE THAT BRAZINSKAS WOULD BE

PERMITTED TO LEAVE TURKEY ON SUNDAY, JULY 11, VIA PANAM FLIGHT. BERGUS URGED THAT ARRANGEMENTS BE FIRMED UP SO THAT SUNDAY DEPARTURE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. ASENA PROMISED TO DO HIS BEST.

3. SHORTLY AFTER MID-DAY JULY 10, EMBASSY RECEIVED REF A INDICATING TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY DEPARTURE HAD BEEN COMPLETED BUT THAT GOT AUTHORITIES HAD NOT YET CONTACTED MRS. RUDIS. ISTANBUL ASKED EMBASSY FOR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF GOT SECURITY OFFICIAL IN ISTANBUL WHO WAS HANDLING THE CASE. DCM AGAIN CALLED ASENA AND URGED IMMEDIATE CONTACT WITH MRS. RUDIS AND REQUESTED NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER OF SECURITY OFFICIAL. ASENA RESPONDED THAT HE HAD NOT BELIEVED THAT GOT SECURITY AUTHORITIES WISHED TO BRING AMCONGEN ISTANBUL INTO THE CASE BUT HE WOULD DO HIS BEST TO PERSUADE GOT SECURITY OFFICIALS TO CONTACT MRS. RUDIS SOONEST AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SUNDAY DEPARTURE. SHORTLY THEREAFTER HE CALLED BACK TO SAY HE HAD GOTTEN IN TOUCH WITH APPROPRIATE GOT AUTHORITIES AND THEY WOULD TRY VERY HARD TO ARRANGE SUNDAY DEPARTURE. SUBSEQUENTLY WE WERE PLEASED TO RECEIVE REF B SUNDAY MORNING INDICAING THAT DEPARTURE HAD IN FACT TAKEN PLACE.

4. TURKISH MORNING PRESS JULY 12 GIVES CONSIDERABLE COVERAGE TO BRAZINSKAS DEPARTURE WHICH IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL. MACOMBER

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